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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to support the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Updating our telecommunications infrastructure and expanding access to high-speed wireless service will create jobs and promote economic development.

The AT&T and T-Mobile merger will offer substantial private-sector investment to improve our telecommunications infrastructure, expanding the reach of AT&T's high-speed 4G wireless network to the vast majority of the U.S. population. The merger will expand network capacity, improve voice quality, and extend the range of AT&T's 4G network into rural communities that presently lack access to high-speed wireless services.

Bringing broadband to rural communities will improve the lives of citizens by providing them with access to myriad educational resources and economic opportunities. This is critically important because rural workers need to keep up with rapid changes in technology and improve their skills to make themselves marketable to employers in a highly-competitive job market.

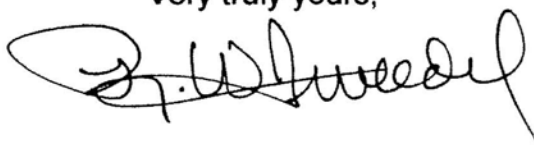
In today's economy, small businesses cannot afford to be isolated from the rest of the world. Access to fast broadband gives rural small businesses the ability to access programs and networks that allow them to manage growth and attract new customers in far-away markets. At the same time, broadband also makes it possible for schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions to reach underserved populations and improve the quality and diversity of services that they offer to the general public.

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The wireless industry is highly competitive and will remain so after the merger. Most Americans will still have the ability to choose from at least five wireless providers. In fact, the expansion of AT&T's wireless network will bring additional choices, and more competition, to rural communities that currently lack high-speed service.

The AT&T/T-Mobile merger is good for our economy and good for rural communities. I urge you to support the merger and thank you for taking into consideration my views on this important issue.

Very truly yours,

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